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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation has completed the review of the following amendment to the Tulare County Association of Government's (TCAG) 2008/09-2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

## No. Description

## 6 State, Local and Transit Elements

Adds and modifies various projects from several funding programs for Tulare County. The amendment programs new projects for Federal Lands Highways Program and Safe Routes to School (State) and adds new funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs such as Recovery Act - FTA 5307 and Recovery Act 5311. In addition, this amendment makes several changes to projects funded by other programs including Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, Safe Routes to School Program (Federal), FTA 5307, FTA 5311, FTA 5316 and FTA-5317.

See enclosure.

The TCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that projects included meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulation Part 450, and satisfy the applicable air quality conformity requirements.

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Pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve TCAG's Amendment No. 6. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and FTA approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP amendment, in fiscal years not within the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Joanne McDermott of my staff, at (916) 651-7411.

Sincerely,

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Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

**Enclosures** 

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